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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

RICHMOND - Governor Timothy M. Kaine today announced appointments to the Health Information Technology (IT) Council, created by Executive Order earlier this month.

The Health IT Council is charged with recommending the most innovative and effective investments for the \$1.5 million appropriated by the General Assembly to encourage the adoption of electronic health records throughout the Commonwealth.

The Council will also continue the work of the 2005 Electronic Health Records Task Force, encouraging the adoption of electronic health records in the Commonwealth, establishing an interoperability framework based on national standards, recommending amendments to the budget and strategies to the Governor to encourage the long-term adoption of interoperable health records, and identifying areas where health IT can lower costs for the Commonwealth as an employer and insurer.

Health Information Technology Council

Barbara Baldwin of Richmond, chief information officer for the University of Virginia Health Systems;

Golden H. Bethune of Hampton, executive vice-president and administrator of Riverside Regional Medical Center;

Elizabeth T. Brown of Virginia Beach, director of information for technology and long term care and home care services at Sentara Healthcare;

Nancy Davenport-Ennis of Yorktown, chief executive officer of the Patient Advocate Foundation;

Ronald DeCesare, Jr. of Annandale, chief executive officer of Professional Healthcare Resources;

Dr. Don E. Detmer of Crozet, chief executive officer and president of the American Medical Informatics Association;

The Honorable Janet D. Howell of Reston, member of the Senate of Virginia;

Dr. Gopinath Jadhav of Richmond, physician for Southside Gastroenterology;

Bob Johnson of Potomac, Maryland, senior vice-president of Consumer Sales at Sprint Nextel;

David Merritt of Alexandria, project director for the Center for Health Transformation;

Gil Minor, III of Richmond, chairman and chief executive officer for Owens and Minor;

Balan Nair of McLean, chief information officer and executive vice-president of technology operations at AOL;

Dr. Keith H. Newby, Sr. of Norfolk, physician at Cardiology and Arrhythmia Consultants, Inc.;

The Honorable Samuel A. Nixon, Jr. of Richmond, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;

The Honorable John M. O'Bannon, III of Richmond, member of the Virginia House of Delegates;

Megan Philpotts Padden of Norfolk, vice-president of government programs and e-business at Sentara Health Plans;

Joseph Roach of Martinsville, chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital;

Chas W. Roades, Jr. of Vienna, executive director of research for the Advisory Board Co.;

Richard D. Shinn of Midlothian, director of public affairs for the Virginia Primary Care Association;

Anna Slomovic of Arlington, chief privacy officer at Revolution Health Group;

Larry T. Wilson of Gate City, physician at Holston Medical Group;

Michele M. Vilaret of Alexandria, director of telecommunication standards for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

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